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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for treating diseased skin with ultraviolet (UV) light, the apparatus comprising:

a source of UV light within the range of 300 and 315 nanometers <u>and including an</u> intensity between about 16 and 20 minimum erythema doses (MED); and

a cooler for cooling the diseased skin to below about 0 °C.

2. (**Currently Amended**) An apparatus for treating an area of diseased epidermal tissue with ultraviolet UV light, the apparatus comprising:

a source of high intensity ultraviolet light equal to or greater than between about [[1]] 16 and 20 minimum erythema doses (MED) in the wavelength range of between about 300 and 315 nanometers having an output for emitting the UV light;

a conduit positioned to receive said ultraviolet light, said conduit having an output end that emits said UV light;

a delivery device that includes said output end of said conduit; and

a cooler included in said delivery device configured to cool the skin to to substantially lower than about [[34]] 0 °C.

- 3. (**Original**) The apparatus of Claim 2, wherein said delivery device has a localized UV output sufficiently small to illuminate a portion of skin no larger than said area of diseased epidermal tissue.
- 4. (Currently Amended) A method for treating an epidermal region comprising diseased tissue, the method comprising:

cooling the diseased tissue to below about [[5]] <u>0</u> °C and exposing the diseased tissue in said epidermal region to a dosage of ultraviolet light equal to or greater than <u>between</u> about [[1]] <u>16 and 20</u> minimum erythema doses (MED) in the wavelength range of between about 300 and 315 nanometers.

- 5. (**Previously Presented**) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the source of UV light comprises an excimer laser.
- 6. (**Previously Presented**) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the source of UV light has central operating wavelength at about 308 nm.
- 7. (**Previously Presented**) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the cooler comprises jets configured to spray the skin with a cool liquid, gas, or air.

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(Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the cooler comprises a 8. chilled UV transparent substrate.

- (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 8, wherein the cooler further 9. comprises a thermoelectric cooler.
- (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein a cooler is configured 10. to cool the diseased skin to below about -5 °C.
- (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 2, wherein the source of high 11. intensity ultraviolet light comprises an excimer laser.
- (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 2, wherein the source of high 12. intensity ultraviolet light has a central output wavelength of about 308 nm.
- (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 2, wherein the cooler comprises a 13. channel configured to spray the skin with a cool liquid, gas, or air through an opening therein.
- (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 2, wherein the cooler comprises a 14. chilled UV transparent substrate.
- (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 2, wherein a cooler is configured 15. to cool the diseased skin to below about -5 °C.
- (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 4, wherein the epidermal region 16. exposed to ultraviolet has an area between about 1 cm² and about 4 cm².
- (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 4, wherein cooling comprises 17. spraying the skin with a cool liquid, gas, or air.
- (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 4, wherein cooling comprise 18. contacting the diseased tissue with a chilled surface.
 - 19. (Canceled)
- 20. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 4, wherein the diseased tissue is cooled to below about -5 °C.
- (New) The method of Claim 4, further comprising determining the MED of a 21. patient having said epidermal tissue.